

MSSNY Council Report
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New York County Medical Society

The Society continue to educate members on telehealth, the 2021 Medicare rules, medical liability concerns during COVID, employment issues related to office re-openings, and other issues important to all physicians. The Society works to “funnel” vast amounts of information so that members can easily access what they need.

- During the summer, the Society has been urging all its members to ask Governor Andrew Cuomo to veto the OPMC signage legislation passed this year.

The Society provided a number of webinars on financial concerns for members with its endorsed financial planners Vital Planning Group.

- The Society’s Membership Benefit Committee is working to find billing services and credit card processing options for members.
- The Society’s delegation has met and reviewed reference committee reports and looks forward to participating in the virtual HOD on September 13, 2020.
- Doctor Arthur Cooper became president of the Society officially on June 28, 2020. New officers are Keith LaScalea, MD, President–Elect; Erick Eiting, MD, Vice President; Jessica J. Krant, MD, Secretary; and Jill R. Baron, MD, Treasurer.
- Doctor Cooper’s presidential year will include committee emphasis on reaching out to employed physicians, work on inclusivity, diversity, and equality, and social media.
- The Society’s leaders and members offer their appreciation and best wishes to MSSNY staff Eunice Skelly and Phil Schuh for all they have done on behalf of physicians in New York State for many years. We will miss them greatly. .

Bronx County Medical Society

- Bronx County continued throughout the summer providing our physicians with a range of supportive services for our members during this continued pandemic such as exploring vendors such as Medly pharmacy which operates as a digital pharmacy company that delivers medication to patients with underlying issues, EIDL which is still available on the SBA Treasury website, deadline is Sept 30th as well as updates from the CDC-COCA on Covid-19 related information for both physicians and patients.
- Bronx County continued throughout the summer to provide several webinars on financial concerns and to properly opening your practice by Jennifer Kirschenbaum of Kirschenbaum & Kirschenbaum P.C.
- Bronx County had Virtual Zoom meetings this summer with both Senator Gustavo Rivera and Senator Alessandra Biaggi in response to the Senate Bill S8936 which relates to the practice protocol for nurse practitioners. Our very own Councilor Dr. David Jakubowicz was spearheading the meeting to discuss with both Senators the physician’s side of why this bill if presented to committee to vote on would be detrimental to healthcare including physicians while stating that Medicine is a team effort.

- Bronx County Chair of Delegation Dr. Thakor C. Rana held a virtual Zoom call to discuss and review reference committee reports to our delegates for the virtual HOD and are looking forward to participating on Sept, 13, 2020.
- Bronx County will have their Comitia meeting via Zoom on September 29th 2020. Comitiamembers are always strongly urged to attend as it is an integral part to the operation of the organization.
- Bronx County is still determining whether it will still have virtually or postpone this year 107th Annual Gala slated for October 25th, will keep other societies posted.
- Bronx County leaders and executive committees have all reached out to both Phil Schuh and Eunice Eskelly on an excellent job in leadership through their MSSNY careers and wish them both well on their future endeavors.